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## Central Mississippi Correctional Facility to Host Operation Starting Line August 21 -22

Pearl – An army of Prison Fellowship ministry volunteers will begin arriving at Central Mississippi Correctional Facility on August 21 as part of **Operation Starting Line**, which is endorsed by former Nixon advisor Chuck Colson. Approximately 1000 offenders are expected to take part in Tuesday's event at the Pearl prison from 2-4 p.m. Professional athletes, singers, strong men, comedians, ministers, lay speakers, and ex-offenders are some of the volunteers that will work with the inmates.

**MEDIA NOTE:** The media is invited to attend this event. If you plan to attend, please notify Ken Jones by 5:00 p.m. on August 20 at (601) 359-5608 or e-mail him at <u>Kjones@mdoc.state.ms.us</u> All media will need to be credentialed PRIOR to arrival at Central Mississippi Correctional Facility.